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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Takashi IGARASHI et al
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For : IMAGE OUTPUTTING
APPARATUS AND APPARATUS
ADMINISTRATING SYSTEM
Art Unit : 2141
Examiner : Bradford F. Fritz

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No. 06-1378. In addition,
authorization is hereby given
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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
January 23, 2006, the term for response to which is extended
by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to
May 23, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-23 are
canceled; claims 24, 26, 27, 31, 33, 41 and 44 are amended; and
claims 25, 28-30, 32, 34-40, 42, 43 and 45-50 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.